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Young Jessup was only exposed to an education. The long hike to the school located four miles from his home, early spring and late fall work, and the heavy snows of winter took him away from his school work much of the time.

At the age of twelve he was introduced to the work that he was to follow for many years of his life—he began to work with sheep. His first job was with George Coleman which took him into the Tooele area. For two years he helped care for the Coleman herds. The summer and winter ranges were not far apart in those days, the summer range being in the vicinity of Grantsville and the winter range just south in the Dugway region.

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Joseph Thomas was born in Heber Dec. 4, 1867 less than ten years after the valley was first settled. He was a son of Joseph and Margaret Watson Thomas and lived in Wasatch County as a farmer during his entire life. He spent several years as a sheep inspector. Eliza Lindsay Thomas was born in Heber April 10, 1870 a daughter of Robert and Sarah Ann Murdock Lindsay.

Eliza was a very lovable person always thinking of the welfare of others. In Center

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during her early life, she worked in the Primary for many years. Joseph and Eliza were lifelong residents of Heber and Center and throughout their lives have been among its most respected citizens. To them was born one daughter Hazel who married William J. Bond. Joseph died in 1947, Eliza died March 29, 1953. Hazel died June 1, 1951.

HUSBAND <u>GEORGE TUFT or JORGEN CRAMER LARSEN TOFT *</u>								Where was information shown on this family record obtained?
Birth	18 Feb 1846			Place	Hassengs, Denmark			
*Chr.	10 Apr 1846			Place	Sindbjaere, Vejle, Denmark			
Death	1, Dec 1897			Place	Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah			
Burial	Dec 1897			Place	Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah			
Father	<u>Lars Christian Nielsen Toft *</u>			Mother	<u>Else Jorgensen Cramer</u>			
Married	10 Apr 1871			Place	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah			
Other Wives (if any)								
WIFE	<u>MARTHA CHRISTINA GOTTFREDSEN</u>							
Birth	24, Aug 1850			Place	Sonderby, Denmark			
*Chr.				Place				
Death	18, Nov 1923			Place	Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah			
Burial	Nov 1923			Place	Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah			
Father	<u>Jens Gottfredsen</u>			Mother	<u>Karen M. Petersen</u>			
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Name (in full) <u>George Tuft</u>								
Wife <u>Martha Christina Gottfredsen</u>								
Family Records of George and Martha Christena Gottfredsen								
Tuft								
Fam Rec of Alice M. Wiseman, 3585 So. 900 East, Salt Lake City, Utah; film 6420, pt 1								
Family Representative: <u>p 113. Florence Tuft Sorensen</u>								
Name and address of person submitting this sheet. <u>Florence T. Sorensen Lewiston, Utah</u>								
(Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)								
WIFE								
Baptized <u>8 May 1969</u>								
Endowed <u>2 Mar 1867</u>								
Sealed to Husband <u>10 Apr 1871 EH</u>								
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Sex M F	CHILDREN			WHEN BORN Day Mo. Yr.	WHERE BORN Town	State or Country County	DIED Day Mo. Yr.	MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Date on Reverse Side of Sheet	BAPTIZED (Date)	ENDOWED (Date)	SEALED To Parents Date & Temple
	List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth										
F 1	Annie Christena Tuft			2 June 1872	Mt. Pleasant Sanpete	Utah	9 May 1958	Date 22 Oct 1890 To Axel B. Waldemar	28 May 1881	30 OCT 1968	B.U.C.
M 2	George Franklin Tuft			22 May 1874	" "	"	16 Apr 1935	Date 22 May 1914 To Mary Humphry	8 July 1883	9 JUN 1958	B.U.C.
F 3	Edna Caroline Tuft			6 Oct 1876	" "	"	21 Feb 1958	Date 23 Nov 1898 To John August Matson	2 Aug 1885	23 Nov 1898	B.U.C.
M 4	James Lauritz Tuft			22 Dec 1879	" "	"	24 Dec 1945	Date 3 Apr 1911 To Mary Dempsey	3 June 1888	9 JUN 1958	B.U.C.
F 5	Sarah Ellen Tuft			7 June 1882	" "	"	19 Aug 1957	Date 10 Dec 1902 To Theodore Clement Candal	17 July 1892	7 May 1948	B.U.C.
F 6	Bertha May Tuft			8 Feb 1885	" "	"	3 May 1917	Date 2 Nov 1905 To Charles F. Bellemere	10 Sept 1893	19 June 1918	B.U.C.
F 7	Carrie Elsie Tuft *			28 Apr 1888	" "	"		Date 11 Dec 1907 To Arthur Alvin Jensen	22 July 1896	9 Oct 1947	B.U.C.
M 8	George Tuft			20 Dec 1890	" "	"	20 Dec 1900	Date To	child	child	B.U.C.
F 9	Florence Tuft			18 Apr 1892	" "	"		Date 4 Oct 1916 To Earl Romayne Sorensen	7 July 1900	4 Oct 1916	B.U.C.
F 10	Lola Lavern Tuft			6 Oct 1895	" "	"		Date 24 Nov 1915 To Ora Leo Hansen	8 Aug 1904	24 Nov 1915	B.U.C.
11								Date To			
12								Date To			C # 1
13	Endowment reconfirmed and all former sealings ratified for				Endowment reconfirmed and all former sealings ratified for			Date To	have been cleared for sealing by: Marjorie Wenger		
14	above wife			above Husband				Date To	Address: 3178 Meadowbrook Dr.		
15	on 8 May 1969			on 28 Nov 1967				Date To	Concord, Calif. Date 6 May 68		